

KIRKY NEWS

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KIRKLISTON GALA DAY 2003

*Kerry-Anne
this year's
Gala Queen*



Kirkliston Gala Civic Week 2003 starts on 7 June ending with Gala Day on Saturday 14 June, to be held again in Allison Park. 2003 will be the 75th Anniversary of the Kirkliston Gala, so we have planned lots of events to make it the biggest and best ever. Come along and see the new-look Gala – with new kilts, new stage and a new-look Pageant – there is sure to be something for everyone.

Events: Civic Week kicks off with an adult Disco in the Newliston Arms on 7 June – no hangovers allowed the following day for the pram race through the western end of the village, plus the Sports Day at the Leisure Centre. The football and basketball tournaments take place on 9 and 10 June, and there will be an entertainer for children aged 4-8 in the Church Centre on 11 June. The children's disco will be on 12 June and the Fancy Dress competition will take place on 13 June. This year, a photographer will be around on Gala Day taking photographs of the floats and of the children, both before and after the procession. You will be able to look at them during afternoon entertainment in Allison Park.

Some of the features on offer during the afternoon will be "Absolute Robbie" – a Robbie Williams Tribute Band, Tae Kwon Do, dancing displays, Salsa Show, Trash Band, Bat-the-Goalie, archery and falconry displays, climbing wall, cub-carts, bouncy castles and inflatable slide. These events will be detailed in the Gala Programme which will be sold round the village in the fortnight leading up to Civic Week.

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Volunteers Needed: 2003 Gala will be bigger and better than before, and for that reason, we are even more reliant on the help of volunteers for putting up bunting in the Main Street on Thursday 5 June – people with long arms are especially welcome!! Help is needed on the Gala Day itself, for putting up the stage and stalls in Allison Park in the morning, helping to run the stalls throughout the afternoon and, of course, helping to clean up Allison Park after 4.00 pm. If you can offer to help for an hour, a morning or afternoon, or for the whole day, please contact either Julie 333 4213 or Yvonne 333 3240.

In the longer term, more volunteers are urgently needed to join the Committee. Meetings take place usually once a month, then once a fortnight after Easter. If you don't feel like being on the Committee, you could maybe help out at a Coffee Morning, organise a Disco, put up tents on Gala Day or sell raffle tickets – we would love to hear from you.

Remember, Kirkliston Gala is your Gala – please help us to keep it going.

SNIPPETS FROM OUR EMAIL BOX

Kirky News is important to all, and while many have access to the internet and mail, there are many who do not. Articles in the Newsletter are of interest to everyone. For example, the article on the proposals for the new airport is important news, and while the internet is a great way to update people regularly, sections of the community may be missing out. The quarterly hard paper copy should not be ruled out.

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To ensure all households receive a copy of Kirky News we need volunteers to help with distribution. If anyone would like to come on to the Committee, they would be more than welcome

KIRKLISTON HEALTH CENTRE

The new Health Centre is now well under construction and due to be completed in December of this year. The work is going according to plan, the outer walls are being prepared at the moment and the building is taking shape.

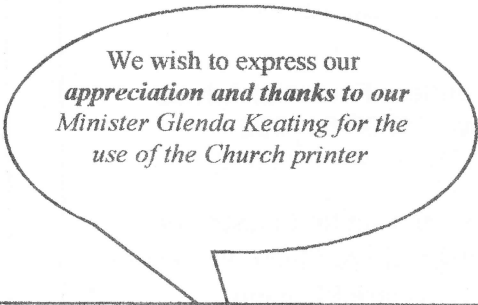
Whilst the work is going on outside, the Practice staff are involved in organising new phone systems, computer systems, internal furnishings etc. If there is anything you would like to see in the new Health Centre, please let us know. A suggestion box has been placed in the Waiting Room of the Practice – please make use of it.

Parking is a problem at the moment, but unfortunately this cannot be helped. The contractors have placed signs throughout the Glebe warning motorists to drive slowly and with care, and also warn of site traffic. Please be patient - it won't be for long.

A full plan of the new building, external and internal, is on show in the Waiting Room and has been for several months. If you have not seen it, please come in and have a look. If you have any queries regarding the project, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret MacTavish, the Business Manager, and she will do her best to answer them.

CARE IN THE COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Senior Forum representing the districts of South Queensferry, Kirkliston, Ratho Station, Ratho and Newbridge welcomes the opportunity to be able to have an article printed in "Kirky News". The Forum is now a fully constituted organisation representing all senior citizens. Representatives of the Forum attended a recent open meeting of The West Local Development Committee, where they raised issues and concerns for older people in the area. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Forum, or helping in any way, should contact Rena Johnston on 331 5570.



We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to our Minister Glenda Keating for the use of the Church printer

QCCCP who manage Kirkliston Care, are setting up a "Home Support Service". At the moment the funding is for tenants only, not owners/occupiers, but hopefully this will change. Any older person who is a tenant is welcome to apply for this service. For more information please contact the project office on 331 5570.

RECYCLING of old mobiles and print cartridges is taking place. Anyone able to help contact Andy on 331 5570 for information or deposit at Kirkliston Community Centre where a recycling Charity Bank will be available.

THE QUEENSFERRY RAFT RACE takes place on 1 June – look out for the posters.

GYLE BUS SERVICE NO 63

Use it or lose it!!

Bus route: from South Queensferry to Kirkliston cross-roads – Main Street to Drambuie roundabout – back to Station Road etc. Operated 7 days per week by Waverley Bus Co. Bus passes accepted. Timetables can be obtained from the Library or Council Offices.

POST OFFICE CLOSURES

Many will have read the report in the West Edinburgh's Residents Survey regarding post office closures and of the plans to close one third of all urban ones. It stated the Royal Mail confirmed that 3,000 post offices would be closed throughout the UK, but we are happy to say, ours is not one of them. There have been for many years village post offices. With out them where would we post parcels, send airmails and use the many other services they provide?

Some people have been worried that their pensions etc were going to be paid into their bank, instead of the PO. As it is, many pensioners' home helps collect these for them. However, it has been confirmed (by our PO) that they will still be able to lift their pensions from the post office.

KIRKLISTON LEFT BEHIND

Do you use the internet?

Do you get frustrated at how slowly it operates?

There is a solution, as some of you will know, called **broadband** which operates the internet at up to ten times faster than a normal telephone line. Another advantage is that you can still make and receive telephone calls whilst on line.

Unfortunately, our telephone exchange needs upgrading before we can receive broadband. We are asking you in Kirkliston to help get this service. The target for Kirkliston is 350 "registered interests" in broadband. To register an interest you must go to the BT web site (www.bt.com)

Next issue in about 3 months, online version updated more frequently. Get your news, views, events coming up ready for the months leading to Christmas. Phone Frances 335 3705, email www.franchapman@bgrkirkliston.fsnet.co.uk